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Title:	AUDIO SIGNAL PROCESSING		

TERMINAL DISCLAIMER

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I, Suneel Arora, am the attorney of record for the above identified patent application as evidenced by the Power of Attorney filed in the present application on December 10, 2003. I am making this petition on behalf of Starkey Laboratories, Inc., the assignee of the present invention. As the attorney of record, I am empowered to act on behalf of the assignee and, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(b)(iv), to sign this terminal disclaimer.

Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)

Your petitioner, Starkey Laboratories, Inc., certifies that they are the owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-identified patent application (Serial No. 10/731,915) and to U.S. Serial No. 09/393,463. Your petitioner owns the entire right, title, and interest of these applications by nature of the assignments executed and filed for both of these applications. The assignment for U.S. Serial No. 09/393,463 was recorded on September 10, 1999 on Reel 10239, Frames 656 - 658, with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The above-identified patent application (Serial No. 10/731,915) is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/393,463.

The undersigned representative of the assignee has reviewed the evidentiary documents of title and certifies that to the best of assignee's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee, Starkey Laboratories, Inc., seeking to take the action set forth in this disclaimer.

Terminal Disclaimer

Your petitioner hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the above-identified patent application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimers, of any patent which may issue from U.S. Serial No. 09/393,463. Petitioner hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the above-identified application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to any patent which may issue from U.S. Serial No. 09/393,463 and the legal title of the above-identified application and

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any patent granted thereon remain common, this agreement to run with any patent granted on the above-identified application and to be binding upon the grantee, its successors and assigns.

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